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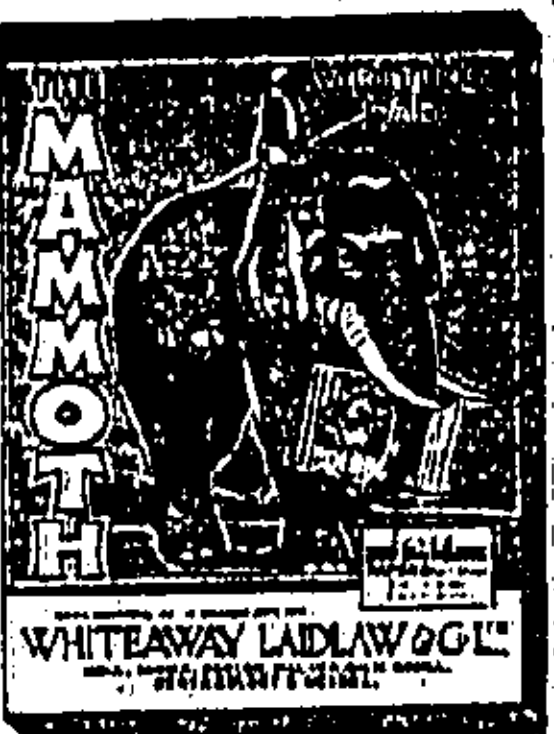
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CANTON STRIKE.

HONGKONG CARGO RETURNED.

OMINOUS OUTLOOK?

Boat People's Protest Against Extra Taxes.

Once more Canton is in the throes of a strike which is causing much inconvenience to Hongkong trade.

Originating from Pakkai, the port of busy Hongmoon, the ripples of the present dispute have spread to Canton. One result has been that cargo shipped up from Hongkong has had to be returned. It is understood that the European communities on Shamien are not inconvenienced as steps have been taken to deliver merchandise to the settlement.

It is interesting to note—as pointed out by our Hongmoon correspondent—that there are two different taxes. One, a sort of registration fee has already been imposed in the metropolitan districts of Nam Hoi and Pun U and the other is the cause of the present strike.

CITY PARTLY HELD UP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, March 9. Brought about by the curious state of administration by which the military control the major sources of revenue and the so-called civil government has to raise money by levying a miscellaneous of taxes, Canton is again partially held up.

This time the cargo boat population have gone on strike in preference to paying a tax which might be described as an additional licence fee. Although the charge per boat is small, the total sum when collected, ought to be considerable. In protest, the boat-owners have ceased work.

Cargo arriving from Hongkong by steamers which lie in the stream—both ocean and river vessels—has been forced to remain idle. Even the boats that go alongside wharves have been affected as cargo-boats could not be procured to take delivery from the wharves. In some cases, practically whole shiploads have been re-shipped back to Hongkong; in others, a portion has been cleared.

Meanwhile, Canton merchants have instructed their Hongkong connections to suspend shipments. A stevedore informs me that cargo on in-coming vessels from Shanghai and Tientsin will most probably be landed into godowns. Where the shipping company has no wharf or godown to fall back upon, it is presumed that other arrangements will have to be made.

Those directly responsible are reticent. In previous instances, the Police have been allotted the duty of supervising collection and the tax is generally farmed out to a monopolist.

KONGMOON BLOODSHED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKAI, KONGMOON, March 9. In a strikers' demonstration in front of the Police Court, two boatsmen have been wounded through a misunderstanding. They were removed to Pakkai Presbyterian Hospital.

For several days, the local boatmen have been on strike as

a protest against a new tax levied by the Police. The Court entrance was crowded by the strikers waving flags and clamouring for the rescinding of the tax when the firing started.

However, the Police have called the tax off and native craft are working as usual.

I have been given to understand that the strike is likely to be re-started in ten days or so. A tax, similar to a levy on land, at the rate of \$1 per foot, collected once and for all, has been in force in the Nam Hoi and Pun U districts. It is stated that the boatpeople will have to pay about \$30 for a vessel 30 feet long and they may go on strike again rather than pay up.

Customs Brokers' Books.

Instructions have been received from the Superintendent of Customs, Canton, to have all Pakkai customs brokers' books audited.

It will be recalled that a similar order was enacted at Canton. The brokers were subsequently accused of under-paying the Customs by making false returns and big fines were imposed.

SKIPPER'S CLAIM.

Alleged Wrongful Dismissal.

TO-DAY'S HEARING.

SOME LIGHTER TOUCHES IN COURT.

What may be considered rather common parlance to apply to the dignified proceedings of a court, Mr. E. J. Zetlyn was "let up" on Sir Henry Cowper, Chief Justice, in the course of his repartees which relieved the hearing's proceedings.

Mr. Zetlyn pronounced the name of a Scottish port where his vessel, the "Kettlewell," was for a while, as "Grinock."

Mr. Cowper should be pronounced "Grinock," I think," commented His Lordship.

He tried to give it the Scotch accent, replied Mr. Zetlyn.

"No inferior race is supposed to be able to do that," Mr. Zetlyn, remarked His Lordship with a broad smile.

Counsel made no further comment at the time, but having occasion to refer to the s.s. Apoc, a little later he took particular pains with the pronunciation. Even then, His Lordship did not quite catch it.

What was that, Mr. Zetlyn, he asked.

COLONY'S THIRST.

STORING FOUR MONTHS' WATER.

TAKING NO CHANCES.

Next Year to See All Troubles Over.

Any inconvenience consequent on the restricted water supply in Kowloon should be cheerfully borne by residents for this is likely to be the last year in which it is necessary to impose restrictions.

Mr. A. B. Purves, deputising for Mr. R. M. Henderson, the Water Authority, told a "China Mail" reporter who approached him this morning for facts as to the water supply, that no sporting chances could be taken on the possibilities of early rains in a matter like the water supply, and referring to the restrictions in Kowloon, said that the worst conditions must always be kept in view and arrangements made accordingly to conserve the supply.

Actually there was sufficient storage in Hongkong for nearly four months without a drop of rain at the present rate of supply, i.e. full supply East of Eastern Street and rider main supply West of Eastern Street. In Kowloon there was sufficient for nearly six months of the restricted water supply as now available.

The year 1925 was likely to be the last year of restricted supply in Kowloon, added Mr. Purves, as Shek Lai Pui should fill up this summer with the prospect of a full supply during 1925-26 dry season.

[Shek Lai Pui is the large dam with a capacity of a hundred million gallons which is being constructed above the Kowloon Reservoir. It is practically completed and ready for the next rains.]

An even greater means to the ending of any water difficulties which Hongkong may have suffered in the past is to be completed by the 1926-27 dry season. Mr. Purves told the "China Mail" man that by then the Shing Mun water should be available. The water supply to Kowloon would then be put on a satisfactory basis and the existing supplies to Hongkong be materially benefited.

Mr. Purves indicated the difficulties that had to be overcome in construction work in the hills with contractors busy on other schemes, the getting of materials of large bulk from the sea level to considerable heights, and the disinclination of coolies to work so far away.

The Shing Mun Valley scheme to which reference was made by Mr. Purves, is to utilise the great watershed of Taimoshan for collecting water. If the demand continues to grow, even "in the same proportions as it has in recent years it is anticipated that the supply thus available will be equal to the demand both in Hongkong and Kowloon, for water will be brought across the harbour by a submerged main and a supply at good pressure will be available to the lower districts of the City of

Some Arresting Figures.

The Water Authority's return of level and storage of water in Reservoirs on March 1 makes interesting reading.

At Tytam the water was 16' below overflow, as compared with 15' 8" for the same time last year. At Tytam, Tuk it was 34' 10" below overflow as against 19' 8" last year. Wong-nel-chong and Pokfulam were 23' 1" and 16' 9" respectively below overflow, as against 19' 6" and 10' 2" for the previous year.

The storage in millions of gallons was as follows, the figures for the previous year being given in brackets—

Tytam 262.80 (265.04)
Tytam Tuk 708.66 (986.08)
Wong-nel-chong 7.82 (10.22)
Pokfulam 30.42 (43.94)

The consumption of water in the City and Hill district in millions of gallons during the month of February was 224.09 (last year 239.54) with an estimated population of 388,700 (1924, 378,380) being an average consumption of 20.6 gallons.

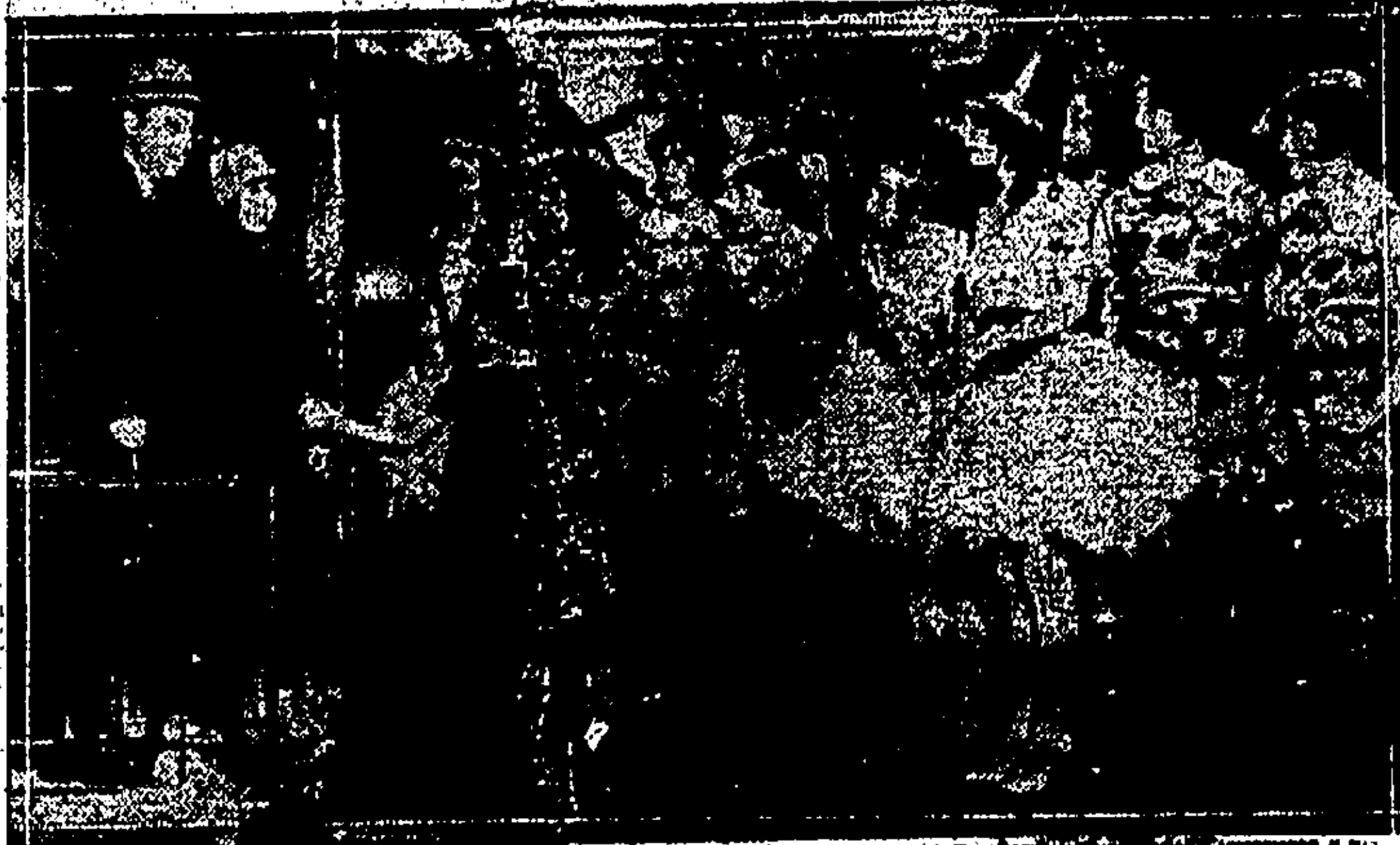
Kowloon.

At the Kowloon gravitation reservoir, the water was 10' 6" below overflow (in 1924 it was 10' 3"). The storage was 130.34 against 254.04 in 1924. The consumption was 63.65 million gallons (57.54 in 1924) with an estimated population of 148,900 (143,860 in 1924) giving an average consumption of 15.2 (13.3 in 1924).

The Government Analyst's report shows that the quality of water is satisfactory. The total rainfall to March 1 is 4.72 inches, as against 5.59 for 1924.

pay on leave, (3) The value of the free passage to England, (4) The loss of the benefit which five years' service gave him towards the defendant Company's pension scheme, (5) Compensation for the difficulty which he experienced of procuring a good apartment, and (6) Compensation for the loss of the benefit which the defendant's five months' leave would have afforded upon his general physical condition.

"PETER PAN" STEPS OFF THE TRAIN.



Betty Bronson, who played the title role in Peter Pan, one of the few great plays that ever got into the movies without changing its name, arrives at New York, and is greeted by Joseph Lasky, the film magnate (beside her on train platform), and all the characters from the play.

CAPTAIN ROBBED.

RICHIEA COOLIE'S SUDDEN COUP.

OVER \$600 STOLEN.

Capt. Allen of the s.s. Bothnia was the victim of a robbery whilst riding in a ricksha which he engaged outside the Hongkong Hotel at 9 p.m. yesterday.

He was proceeding in a westerly direction when the coolie suddenly turned into a lunge and dropped the shafts, tilting the fare over. The coolie quickly removed over \$600 in notes from his pocket and ran away.

A European Police Sergeant was later informed of the occurrence.

"The Apoc. Your Lordship: it's Irish and on the best authority—I asked Mr. Potter—I pronounced it correctly.

His Lordship joined in the general smile which as nearly approached to laughter as is looked upon as fitting to the seat of justice when the name of the owner was given as Wo Fat and Mr. Potter remarked, "another good Irish name."

Mr. S. S. Jenkins, who appeared with Mr. Zetlyn for Mr. Kettlewell, concluded his address to the Court this morning. He claimed that it was incorrect to state as had been stated in "letters of the defendants" that full leave pay was only given to a man who was leaving their employ to return.

Referring to the lines of defence indicated by the defendants, Mr. Jenkins said they were two. Firstly, that, it being a condition of the contract that plaintiff should continue to take charge of the ship's bridge, the agreement terminated when he became a seaman.

In reply to that the plaintiff's case was that, if there was any standard at all it was one which applied to the service accepted with the defendants and the one that had been applied throughout the whole of his time with them, viz. the "Seaman's Trade" standard. It was not allowable in law for the defendants to import an entirely new and arbitrary standard of their own and say that because an officer did not come up to that he had not continued to take charge of the ship's bridge.

In regard to the second line of defence, Mr. Jenkins claimed that the alleged defective eyesight, if it existed, was the plaintiff's claim, and did not constitute a defence to his claim. The medical evidence, as furnished by Mr. Kettlewell, showed that there was no defect in the plaintiff's eyesight.

Mr. Jenkins also claimed that the plaintiff was not entitled to the benefit of the "Seaman's Trade" standard, which was a standard of service accepted by the defendants and the one that had been applied throughout the whole of his time with them.

regretted losing his services and wished him well for the future and he was asked if his conduct throughout his period of service with them had been without reproach.

"I believe so," replied Mr. Kettlewell.

"There is not the slightest suggestion to the contrary," remarked Mr. Potter, "in fact we wanted to promote him."

In further evidence Mr. Kettlewell gave the names of the boats he had served on since his dismissal from the China Navigation Co., as the "Haldie" and the "Apoc." He took bridge duty the whole of the time of his service on them.

(Case proceeding.)

Yesterday's Proceedings.

Two eye examinations which the plaintiff underwent in addition to those referred to at the morning's hearing were dealt with yesterday afternoon. That of Dr. Harston was at the suggestion of the Company, and was made, the plaintiff claimed, when his eyes were still suffering from dropsy. The report was that plaintiff was short sighted and unaided by glasses was certainly unfit to take charge of a steamer's bridge, but with correcting glasses he read one line beyond the normal with ease.

On his own initiative the plaintiff later presented himself to Dr. Aubrey, the medical officer for the other company which was a party to the award—the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. So strongly did Dr. Aubrey hold the view that the plaintiff was perfectly fit to take charge of a ship's bridge that he went to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire in the hope that he could convince them.

In regard to the manner, the plaintiff should be compensated in respect of the termination of the agreement, Mr. Jenkins gave the following heads: (1) Three months pay, (2) Six months' full pay, (3) Six months' full pay, (4) Six months' full pay, (5) Six months' full pay, (6) Six months' full pay, (7) Six months' full pay, (8) Six months' full pay, (9) Six months' full pay, (10) Six months' full pay.

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GO TO IT!

What the "China Mail" thinks to-day, Oxford thinks to-morrow! It may seem, and probably is, a little far-fetched. But the "China Mail" did suggest as a serious solution of an agreeable difficulty, that a compromise might be made with Britain's portion of the Boxer Indemnity by using it partly in educational, and partly in medical effort. In this way China's uplift and progress would be helped and strengthened. Now a Reuter cable announces that over 400 resident and graduated members of Oxford University, including the Vice-Chancellor, the proctors, 23 heads of Colleges and halls, and 33 professors and readers have sent a memorial to the Foreign Secretary urging the exclusive allocation of the Boxer indemnity to educational medical work in China. All this "in the interest of securing friendly co-operation between British and Chinese in furtherance of the welfare of China." This influential opinion will surely not go disregarded. It is as near approach to the parable of the Good Samaritan as it is possible to imagine.

Informed Criticism.

There seems little prospect of the local Cymdeithas Dewi Sant being called upon to adjudicate as to the relative claims of the leek, the daffodil or the dragon as the most suitable emblem for a local Scout troop. Of lack from the "Land of My Fathers" if the opinion of the Welsh Division of the Independent Labour Party may be taken as any criterion.

Attacks upon the Girl Guide and Scout movements were made by speakers at the recently held half-yearly conference and a resolution was carried declaring that they savoured too much of militarism. Just how much the speakers knew of the Scout movement it is difficult to say, but any who have travelled much in Wales may recall that there is a marked absence of Scout activities in the Principality. It might not be unjust therefore to suggest that none of the Labour people in question has had any practical experience of the movements, the ideals which animate them, and the manner in which they set about putting them into operation. Mr. Champkin, the local Acting Commissioner, had no doubts on the matter, at any rate. Before he left Hongkong he wrote in the Silver Wolf: "The Boy Scout movement is a forward movement. Every Scout by his example should be an emissary of progress and activity. Our greatest enemy is slackness."

Opium.

Saturday's seizure of opium valued at \$40,000 seems to have been startlingly dramatic. It was seized just on the eve of the ship's departure for Cebu and we must take it for granted that the drug was intended for the Philippines, or for some other place via the Philippines. These sudden seizures help to throw into relief the fact that behind the trade in contraband there must be some sort of organization playing a daring game, and playing it with daring ingenuity. Shipping opium as mirrors and the like may not suggest originality, but who is to say but that the smugglers were prepared to lose this valuable consignment in order to get a more valuable one through elsewhere? The secrets that must be locked up in the bosom of the Revenue Department must be of surpassing interest. These seizures are not always "sensed"; the informer plays a great part in the game. The risks he runs are almost akin to those into whose confidence he has wormed himself; but like them he is prepared to take them knowing that the prize, when success has been accomplished, will be worth the having.

Chinese Bravery.

We congratulate Mr. L. G. Griffith on his fortunate escape in Saturday's sailing contest, and his rescue from what might have been a watery grave. He will join us, we sincerely hope, in congratulating also the master of the junk "which bore down on the same tack that the Viking had been on" in that he had the courage pluckily to launch a boat and pick up Mr. Griffith and his boy. This, though there was a heavy sea running and the rescue was effected with difficulty. The traditions of the sea are peculiarly general, and there will be general admiration that a Chinese junk master has not been found wanting in living up to them. He might perhaps have thought, in the jargon we popularly apply to the Chinese, "No. Along my pluck!" In this case he evidently did not and once more there is to be recorded one of those instances of bravery which make the whole world a better place.

CORRESPONDENCE

GIRLS AND SOCCER

(To the Editor of the China Mail)

Sir,—Judging "Aussie" from his own de guerre—I think that is what you call it—I take him to be a Frenchman, and therefore, not quite au fait (I think this is French) with the English language. "Aussie" says "If 'Disappointed' has ever attended a football match, I distinctly said I had played football, and having consulted my Bible, the Encyclopaedia Britannica (Vol. 31, page 2009) and slept on the matter, I come to the conclusion that I must have attended a football match. Let me assure "Aussie" that the attendance of ladies at Home at Football matches, is, in proportion to the population, almost negligible. Ladies attend, but never repeat it. It makes them sad. That is why footballers find it very difficult to get married. I am disappointed that the East "is gradually adopting Western ideas." "Aussie" is not going to convince me that bobbed hair, high heeled shoes, or attendance at football matches is good for Chinese girls, or is an aid to the light in which we would wish to view them.

Yours etc.

DISAPPOINTED.

Hongkong, March 9.

(To the Editor of the China Mail)

Sir,—Much ink has been spilled on the subject. Unfortunately, everybody including your able self has gone off at a tangent.

My submission all along is that Chinese girls are present at local "soccer" matches to cheer on their favourites. South China have disappointed by not winning as expected. All those partisan cheers from the fair sex have been of no avail.

Also I have not heard one who has offered any constructive comment on the game. As I have maintained, it is all childish and irrelevant prattle. "Confucius Jr." may be right in what he says but that has nothing to do with my suggestion that it would be best in the interests of all—for Chinese ladies and girls to spend their time elsewhere.

Yours etc.

A. B. HORRENCE.

Hongkong, March 9.

(To the Editor of the China Mail)

Sir,—Do the enemies of women in your football paragraphs think that Chinese ladies of this age will remain at home when such an exciting game is announced and where their own countrymen take a part?

I'm afraid Confucius Jr. will find that the fairer sex of to-day is far more sporty and game for anything, not to say of sports itself. In fact, given a chance, they will beat the opposite sex at their own yet.

It is mentioned that the women do not understand the game. Is it not at school we first learnt our alphabets, then why not on the field of sport to become acquainted with football or any other game?

The spirit of entertainment which is most vital to young modern women was suppressed in days gone by, but eventually the springs must give way; just so when the passion of the moment brings forth nature's true expression of hate or praise. The old age, were he alive, would have to be revolutionised by the gentler sex of to-day to gain their rights and not be dictated by anybody against their wishes.

Yours etc.

MODERN STUPENT.

Hongkong, March 9.

THAT £25,000 GIFT.

[With reference to the letter appearing in our issue of March 7, signed by "Fairplay," Mr. T.H.G. Brayfield writing asking us to notify "Fairplay" that he is quite willing to give him an interview and explain to him in detail the queries he raises. Will "Fairplay" please note?]

BROADCASTING.

HONGKONG HEARING

SHANGHAI

Once again has it to be said that they do these things better in Shanghai. "Daily," except Sunday, the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Co., broadcast several programmes. From 9.45 a.m. to 9 p.m. there is sent out market and stock reports, exchange quotations, music and special news items; short talks on radio, and the latest Victor gramophone records. Also items contributed by the Carlton Caffé jazz orchestra.

It is a matter of interest to learn that enthusiasts in Hongkong have "listened in" and have heard some of the efforts mentioned above. This fact should give a spring to the hobby of broadcasting and bring more into the fold the enthusiasts. It should also give a boost to the growing development in the world of radio.

SWATOW DEBACLE

CHAN KWING-MING'S

DEFEAT DECISIVE

ALL HOPE GONE

If a chance had still remained for General Chan Kwing-ming to launch a counter-offensive, as suggested by a section of the vernacular press, it would have been an accomplished fact by now. As his troops, or what is left of them, are being re-assembled preparatory to getting further out of the way, it will have to be assumed that his defeat is decisive. It now remains to be seen whether he will be able to retain an intact army.

WHERE IS CHAN?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, March 9.

General Hau Shung-chi is rushing all available troops to Swatow to take over control and then to endeavour to force Chan Kwing-ming out of the province.

Prior to the final debacle, Chan's various divisions fell back on Swatow from their different positions and then fled. It is reported that some have left by improvised troopships with two Northern cruisers acting as escorts. One division is stated to have landed at another place and to be reassembling.

Nobody seems to know where Chan is but the consensus of opinion is that he is still with his field headquarters.

Commander Lin Yin-hung, once described as the Chinese Black Douglas by reason of his border raids outside the British New Territories frontier, has lost practically the whole of his army in attempting to stem the tide. His contingent fought all the way back from Sha Tau Kok. What is left has been scattered and taken to the hills.

Waichow has not fallen. Commander Yeung Kwan-yu is holding out strenuously. No assault has been made by the investing troops for a week and it is thought that the civil population of that town will have to buy off the defenders to avoid a bombardment.

General Lin Fu is reported to be withdrawing his army towards the northern boundary of Kwangtung, in a direction away from the fighting.

Swatow is reported to be normal. Some of the shops are still closed but the victorious troops have already entered the Yamen.

FLEEING TO FUKIEN.

(Courtesy, Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, March 9.

The latest foreign despatches from Swatow indicate that the Cantonese forces captured Chaoyang, and that the Swatow forces are fleeing to Fukien.

The main Cantonese army is expected to reach Swatow at any moment, but as there are very few troops remaining no serious fighting is expected.

PEACE IN SOUTH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKAI, KOWMOON, March 9.

General Chan Kwing-ming's rout in his own territory has brought about a cessation of hostilities in the South.

There the anti-Sun commanders who have been waging an intermittent offensive with their guerilla tactics, have sent representatives to interview General Leung Hung-kai, the Canton commander-in-chief in the Sze Yap.

It is reported that the anti-Sun leaders are desirous of being incorporated in the Canton army and are proposing terms of surrender. Being in want of funds for the East River campaign, Canton has ordered a number of properties on the West River to be disposed of.

RENTS INQUIRY.

ABOUT SIX HUNDRED

WITNESSES.

WRITTEN EVIDENCE ACCEPTED.

Up till yesterday afternoon, about 600 applications to give evidence had been received by the Legislative Council committee of inquiry, says the vernacular press.

In response to a suggestion from the "Far Eastern News Agency," the time limit for applying was extended from yesterday till Thursday.

When a representative of the Agency called round at the Courts of Justice yesterday, he was informed that it was not necessary to give verbal evidence before the Hon. Mr. J. H. Keppel, K.C. (Attorney General) who is chairman of the committee. Evidence in writing had been accepted and will be accepted.

Some of the letters sent to the Agency were in Chinese and these were being translated.

ACQUITTED.

CHARGES AGAINST GUNNER

DISMISSED

The hearing of the case against Gunner P. G. N. Ottaway, who was charged on two counts with attempting to obtain sums of \$5 by false pretences and impersonating a medical practitioner, was continued at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The allegations made against the accused by the witnesses for the prosecution were that he went to their houses on various dates and, under the pretence of being an army doctor, made physical examinations, and on the last visit on February 11 he demanded \$5 as fees. Following a report made to the police by the mistresses of the houses, Inspector Clark went to No. 2, Sheung On Lane, where he found the accused and had him arrested.

The case for the prosecution having closed, Mr. R. A. Wadson, defending, commented at length on points in the evidence, and submitted that no case had been made against his client.

In the witness box the accused denied that he visited the houses before February 11 and described his movements on the days of the alleged three previous visits. Speaking of the day of his arrest, he said that he met with a bicycle accident and went to the house for water to wash his hands, which were oily. He was invited to come upstairs for hot water, and there he had a quarrel with one of the occupants. He was still there when the inspector entered and arrested him. He denied that he asked the inmates for money, or told them that he was a doctor.

Two other gunners corroborated some of the accused's statements.

The defence having closed, His Worship said that it was strange that all the witnesses for the prosecution told the same story. They had sworn that the defendant had gone to their respective houses, examined them and said that he was a doctor. There was evidence of a fair alibi for the first day. Although the accused's story was thin, he had given a true description of the places he had passed on his way to the house after the alleged accident, and he (the Magistrate) could not think that the man would behave in such a manner for two weeks and then only ask for money. On the evidence before him, His Worship said that he could not convict. There was a doubt in the case, and the accused had to be given the benefit. He would therefore acquit him.

THE PIONEER'S TRIAL

STAR THEATRE'S GREAT

PICTURE.

Quite one of the best tests of a good film in this Colony is to see if it goes to Kowloon. "The Covered Wagon," which was shown at the Coronet Theatre recently, drawing crowded houses night after night, has now gone to Kowloon. Therefore if it had nothing else to this much to recommend it to cinema-goers. But of course "The Covered Wagon" has many other things in its favour. Everyone who knows anything about pictures at all knows that this picture is one of the finest ever filmed. Admitted that the words just written represent a very big claim, but one has only to see the picture to realize how true they are. Filming, acting, staging—all are beyond praise. Especially good is the staging, if one can use such a limited word for the great open spaces, the canyons, the broad, flowing rivers and the forests that provide the settings. Dealing with the early pioneer days of the Western States of America—the spectator sees a long, sinuous caravan trek its perilous way through the wilds to the promised land—the story is as rich with historical interest as it is with stirring romance. The fording of the rivers, the prairie fire, the attacks of the Indians, the lure of the gold fever, the dangers of the trail—these are but a few of the vivid features that give "The Covered Wagon" its appeal and make it, as already said, one of the most fascinating stories of the screen.

SHOT IN THE LEG.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning a Chinese was charged with the possession of a revolver and two rounds of ammunition at Reclamation Street on January 2.

The man ran away from police officers who approached him for a search, and he was shot in the leg. He had been under treatment in hospital since that time.

The accused was remanded for one week.

ECHO OF THE "MR. A." CASE.

HOBBS SENT TO JAIL FOR TWO YEARS.

ACCOMPLICE TO CONSPIRACY.

Judge On Rogues Who Cloak Their Sins.

William Cooper Hobbs, the solicitor's clerk, who figured so largely in the notorious "Mr. A." case, has been sent to jail for two years for receiving stolen property.

HOBBS-ROGUE MAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 9. After a trial lasting intermittently since he was arrested in November last, Hobbs has been found guilty of conspiracy to defraud and has been sentenced to two years' jail with hard labour.

"MR. A."



Rajah Sir Hari Singh.

[Hobbs was] in fact practically throughout the trial, in which the chief witness for the prosecution was Montague Newton, the witness in the "Mr. A." case who was said to have impersonated Mr. Robinson in catching Mrs. Robinson with Sir Hari Singh.]

Counsel for the defence, addressing the jury, complained that Hobbs had not been given an opportunity of being confronted with the Rajah, who was the chief prosecutor in the case.

The whole fabric of the case against Hobbs depended on the story of one of the biggest and cleverest sounders who ever gave evidence on behalf of the Crown.

The prosecutor said that he would have liked to have called the Rajah if it had been possible, but what could he have proved? He never saw Hobbs in his life.

The judge, summing up, said that the jury was only concerned to determine whether Hobbs was party to a conspiracy. If they concluded that a conspiracy existed between Newton and Captain Arthur (the A.D.C. to Sir Hari Singh) in view of Newton's admissions, he was an accomplice to a wicked conspiracy and had sworn a false affidavit. The jury would be unable to act upon his evidence except where it was corroborated by testimony which implicated Hobbs.

It is much easier to deal with a rogue who has admitted he is a rogue than with a hypocrite who looks his sins under a transparent affectation of honesty.

Hobbs was charged with being concerned with another in receiving or having in their possession a cheque for £150,000, knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained abroad.

Mr. Roland Oliver, prosecuting, outlined the case against Hobbs, who, he said, as well as being a solicitor's clerk also had a money-lending business in Norfolk-street, Strand.

Referring to the "plot" that Sir Hari Singh should be caught in bed with Mrs. Robinson and should be blackmailed," Mr. Oliver remarked:

"A more ideal subject than Sir Hari Singh for blackmail would be difficult to find. Young, 23 or 24 at that time, he was fond of society and ladies, and that would make him easy to catch. He was fabulously rich, and that would make him worth catching."

"His position was such that, if there were any breath of scandal against his name in connection with any white woman, he would have been absolutely ruined. That fact made him easier to catch and to be blackmailed."

NEWTON'S VISIT. Coming to the events in Paris, he said that on December 26, 1919, Newton was taken to the suite in the Paris hotel by Arthur and was shown the room that would be occupied by Mrs. Robinson, so that he would not go into the wrong one.

Mr. Oliver read a letter dated January 3, 1920, which, he said, Hobbs had written to the Rajah, saying:

"Sir—We are instructed by our client, Mr. Robinson, to say he has now definitely abandoned all idea of legal proceedings against his wife concerning you as co-responsible in consideration of the agreed sum."

The letter went on to say that they were waiting a more favourable time before presenting the second cheque, and that his client (Mr. Robinson) suggested that the Rajah should agree to what Captain Arthur had already verbally agreed to, on his behalf, that neither the Rajah nor his native secretary should in any

way correspond with or have an interview with Mrs. Robinson or her woman friend. Mr. Robinson, it was added, agreed that if this were done, "the unfortunate episode may be considered as an end."

Dealing with the visit to Hobbs' office on January 21, 1920, by Arthur and Mr. Waters, for the purpose of identifying the second cheque for £150,000 (which Mr. Waters had advised Sir Hari Singh to stop), Mr. Oliver said:

"Arthur was here seen at his very best. Hobbs produced a cheque. Arthur looked at it and said, 'Oh, yes. That is the second cheque.' The thing they produced was a dummy. It was not the second cheque at all. The ridiculous farce, the disingenuous farce, was gone through of burning this thing."

"The cheque was not burned. It is here in court, and, of course, was being kept by these people with a view to blackmailing the Rajah further as soon as Mr. Waters was out of the way."

On February 3, added Mr. Oliver, Arthur wrote to Mr. Waters:

"Dear Mr. Waters—I sent you from Dover this morning the following wire according to the Rajah's instructions, which I now confirm: 'Instructions from the Rajah to Waters that all further inquiries be immediately stopped. Mr. Arrow to private inquiry agent to be instructed accordingly. Matter to be regarded as definitely closed. Letter confirming this follows. Will you kindly carry out these instructions?'"

"Mr. Waters was, for the time being, got rid of," remarked Mr. Oliver.

NEWTON'S POSITION. After the luncheon interval Mr. Oliver said:

"It is perfectly obvious that Newton is a conspirator, and, in the ordinary way, ought to be in the dock. Everybody should know that there are cases—and this appears to be one—which cannot be proved without calling one of the conspirators to tell the story."

"The result of ignoring his evidence is that nobody gets punished at all. That is how we are going to call Newton for the prosecution."

WHO WILL IT BE?

NOMINATIONS FOR GERMAN PRESIDENCY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, March 9. Nominations for the presidency are taking shape following the Socialists' adoption of Herr Braun, which has landed the other Democratic parties in a quandary, forcing them to the difficult task of finding their own candidates.

Doubtless the Centrists will choose Herr Marx.

The Communists have already selected the ex-boxer Herr Thaelmann. The Rightists appear to be agreed on the joint candidature of Herr Jarres, ex-Minister in the Marx Cabinet.

SOVIET TAXES.

NEARLY 40 PER CENT. DOWN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tiflis, March 9. Cattle land has been adopted as the standard for the assessment of taxation by the session of the Central Soviet Executive just closed approving the budget which reduces taxation nearly forty per cent. and remits arrears of taxation till next year.

Resolutions were adopted welcoming the improvement in industry and commerce.

Later. The resolutions expressed the opinion that further increases in expenditure must be increasingly based on receipts from productive works instead of taxation and recommended further expenditure on the cultural necessities of the workers and peasants.

SOVIET'S ENVOY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, March 9. Victor Kopp has been appointed Soviet plenipotentiary representative to Japan. He was Soviet representative to Germany in 1919.

STORM IN TEACUP.

Labour Rowdy's Outburst.

MATTER SMOOTHED OVER.

MR. KIRKWOOD TAKEN BACK INTO FOLD.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 9.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin read a letter from Hope, mentioned earlier, explaining his reasons for reporting Mr. D. Kirkwood to the Speaker, and emphasising the importance of the debate, and the necessity of Mr. Austen Chamberlain not being interrupted, and recognising also that Mr. Kirkwood acted without premeditation but contending that this did not absolve Mr. Hope from the responsibility of enforcing the rules of the House on a grave occasion.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Opposition, amid some Labour back bench cries of dissent, said the letter smoothed the way to withdrawal of the resolution of censure, but he asked to see the letter for quiet consideration.

Mr. Baldwin said if Mr. MacDonald withdrew his resolution he would recommend the House to rescind Mr. Kirkwood's suspension.

Labour Mollified.

Later. The Labour leaders accepted Mr. Hope's letter and have withdrawn their vote of censure on Mr. Kirkwood's suspension. The incident ends to-morrow when the Government will move rescission of the resolution excluding Mr. Kirkwood from the House.

[During his speech on foreign affairs in the House of Commons last week, Mr. Chamberlain was constantly interrupted by whispered remarks by Mr. David Kirkwood, the Clyde Labour member, who at length shouted, "What about the Red letter?" when Mr. Chamberlain was referring to the secret document he had received from Germany. Cheers greeted a warning from Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Committees that he would suspend Mr. Kirkwood if he did not refrain from interrupting. Mr. Kirkwood rose and shouted at the Chairman, who then ordered him to leave. Mr. Kirkwood refused to leave and was "named." The Speaker was summoned and Mr. Chamberlain moved the suspension of Mr. Kirkwood, which was carried after Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had unsuccessfully interceded, contending that Mr. Kirkwood had not been given his proper rights. The Speaker asked Mr. Kirkwood to leave, whereupon the Labour members rose and bodily marched out, headed by Mr. MacDonald, amid Ministerial laughter and cheers. Mr. Chamberlain then resumed his speech. The Labour members did not return to the House of Commons during the foreign debate, but met and passed a resolution that while deprecating the persistent obstruction of business, there was no justification for the "peremptory and arbitrary action of Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Committees, in naming Mr. Kirkwood's slight interruptions, which were in no wise provocative or disorderly." The Executive subsequently decided to lodge a motion to the effect that as Mr. Hope had acted with undue haste and impatience, therefore the naming of Mr. Kirkwood was not warranted.]

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(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

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With reference to Lord Curzon's operation, Lord Curzon fainted on the 6th inst., while dressing for dinner. He was found suffering from haemorrhage necessitating an operation.

ALLEGED PLOTS.

HELSINKI, March 9.

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"POSITION SERIOUS."

STRANDED STEAMER'S PLIGHT. STILL MAKING WATER.

Three Tugs Fail to Tow Her Off.

The Dutch steamer which went ashore off the north pier at the Hook of Holland in a heavy sea is still in a very perilous plight.

WATER IN HOLDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 9.

A message from Rotterdam states that the Soerakarta is head on to the breakwater, with her stern afloat in the channel. She has listed fifteen degrees, and the water in holds No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 is level with the sea. The engine-room and stokehold are making water. The position is serious.

The vessel had her outward cargo aboard of 2,000 tons.

Tug Sinks.

London, March 9.

A message from Rotterdam states that three tugs unsuccessful-

ST. PAUL'S FUND.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 9.

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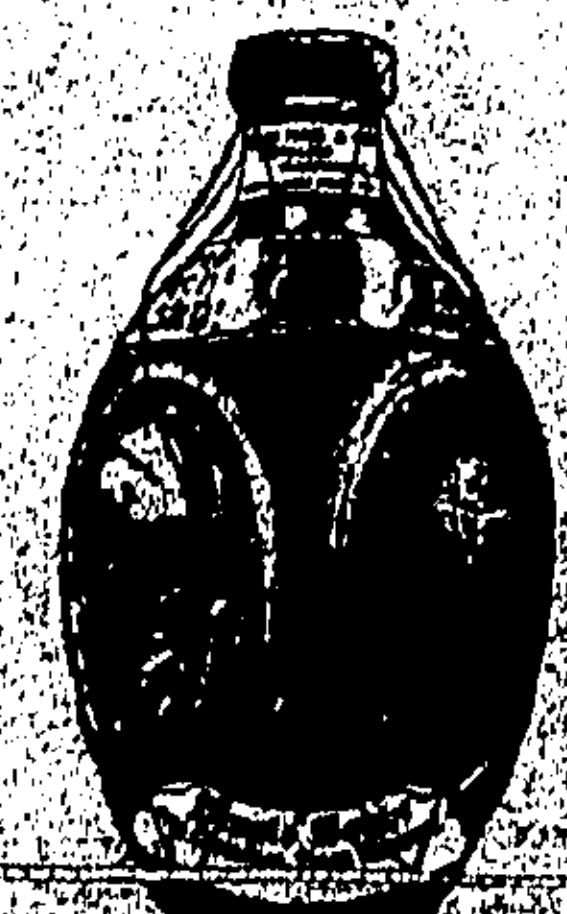
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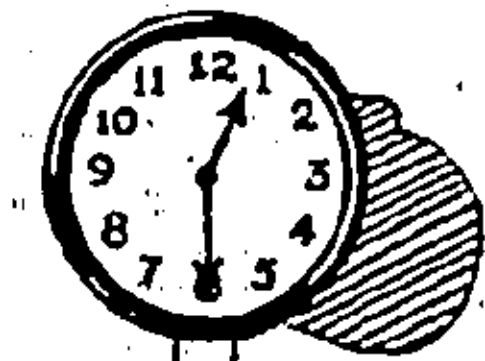
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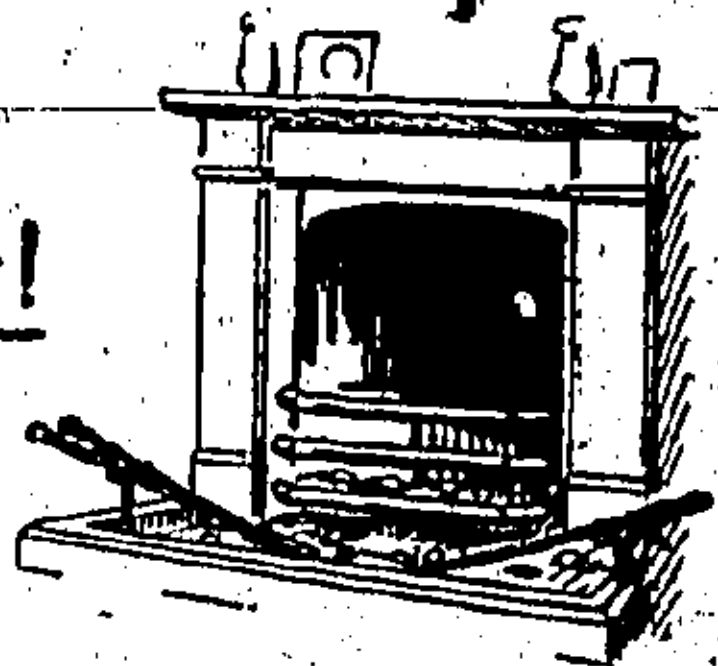
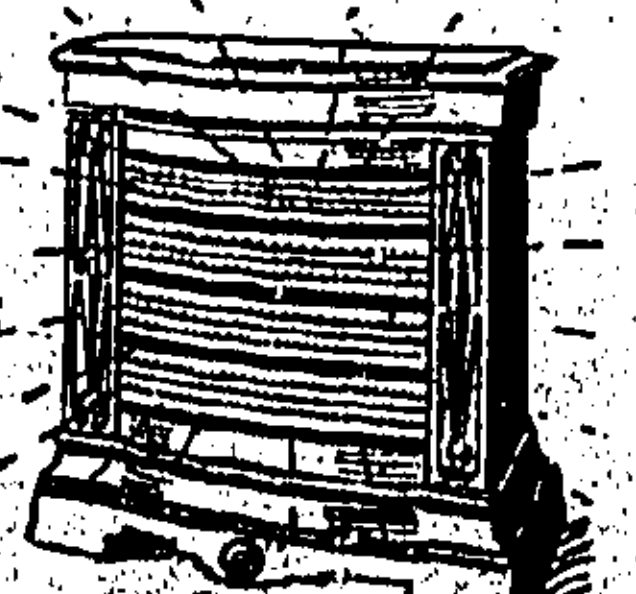
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HUGH OPIUM HAUL SEQUEL

The large opium seizure on the s.s. Lorenzo reported in yesterday's "China Mail" had its sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. J. B. Wood when a Chinese named Lam Tse-yu was charged with attempting to export the opium.

Mr. Whitehouse appeared to defend and asked for one week's remand.

Describing the raid, Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke said that, acting on certain information, he had received, he went aboard the vessel on Saturday evening as she was about to sail for Cebu. Amongst the cargo were seventeen cases marked "K. U. Cebu," supposed to contain mirrors and other goods. He opened one case and found a quantity of opium. The cases were taken to the office, and he found opium in altogether four cases. The ship left before the arrest of the accused, which was effected at 8 o'clock the next day at Kwai Hing Street, first floor. The shipping order had been signed "Chai Seng," and the invoices addressed to him at No. 125, Des Vaux Road, Central.

Questioned as to the amount of bail, Mr. Clarke said that his instructions were to ask for \$20,000. The value of the opium seized was \$38,000.

The accused was formally remanded for one week.

ARMED ROBBERS.

BAWNSHOP PEOPLE FLEECE.

The inmates of the Po Sang bawnsshop were easily hoodwinked yesterday morning by a gang of four men who stole money and jewellery amounting to \$5,732.

Two of the men entered the shop first under pretence of having come to pawn a gold wristlet watch and a ring which they held in their hands. They were joined by another two men a little later, and all four produced revolvers. The inmates were driven to the cockpit where they were guarded by some of the men whilst the others secured the booty.

The robbers got away unnoticed.

STRANDED STEAMERS.

ONE VESSEL SAFELY ARRIVES HERE.

Little the worse for having gone aground and with practically no damage to speak of, the China Navigation steamer Kwei Yang returned to Hongkong to-day.

This local vessel was on a voyage from Hoihow to Hongkong and was stranded in Hoihow Bay. A first cable to the general agent (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) gave intimation of the accident, but a second message stated that she had been refloated without damage.

Reported in yesterday's China Mail to have run aground on the second bar below Wuchow, the river steamer Kwong Fook Cheung and Shing On have not returned. It is not thought that they are in any danger.

STOLEN OPIUM PIPE.

POLICE SEARCHER JAILED.

A police searcher who was charged last week with the theft of an opium pipe was sentenced at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to one month's hard labour.

It transpired in evidence that the man accused a number of people smoking opium and asked for a sum of one dollar. The men were unable to produce the money, and the searcher accused them of smoking illicit opium and carried away the pipe.

SMILE IN COURT.

"What about that Criminal case fixed for to-morrow?" asked His Lordship, Sir Henry Gollan, before proceedings opened in the Supreme Court this morning. "I shouldn't think it will take long. Your Lordship," replied Mr. R. C. Jenkin, "I have advised prisoner to plead guilty. As an afterthought 'Of course he may not take my advice, but I told him he'd better.' And the Court smiled.

SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai Market this morning:

Longans 22 1/2 Buyers
Ewos 12 1/2 Buyers
Shanghai Doctas 12 1/2 Buyers
New Registerd 2 1/2 Buyers
Oriental 2 1/2 Buyers
Shanghai Cotton 1 1/2 Buyers

DIVIDEND
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS LTD.

Subject to audit, the Profit for the year ended 31st December 1924, after providing for Depreciation, Interest, Doubtful Debts, etc. amounts to \$55,082.52

Deducting therefrom the Interim Dividend paid in August last amounting to \$281,617.20

A balance of \$573,465.32

Remains, which the Board propose to recommend be apportioned as follows:

To Pay a final dividend of 60 cents per share on 756,972 Shares \$454,183.20

To Carry forward \$119,282.12

Total \$573,465.32

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Mr. A. J. Mandell, from reserve, has gone second officer, Fatsahan.

Mr. E. M. Swan, second officer, Suiyang, has gone second officer, Kwangchow.

Mr. E. H. Histed, from leave, has gone acting master, Tean.

Mr. S. Johnson, acting master, Tean, is on reserve.

Mr. W. Forster, second officer, Tatung, is on reserve.

Mr. V. A. Bontakov has been appointed acting second officer, Tatung.

Mr. D. McRae, chief engineer, Foochow, is on reserve.

Mr. H. A. Morrison, second engineer, Foochow, has gone acting chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. D. Warden, chief engineer, Ngankin, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Small, second engineer, Fengtien, has gone acting chief engineer, Ngankin.

Mr. J. Clark, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Fengtien.

Mr. L. J. Stevenson, third officer, Mausang, has gone third officer, Chakasang.

Mr. W. G. Walker, third officer, Chakasang, is on reserve.

Captain N. W. van Cortlandt, from leave, has gone master, Cheongshing.

Mr. K. D. Fairfax, from reserve, has gone second officer, Cheongshing.

Mr. H. M. Miller, third officer, Cheongshing, has gone second officer, Mingsang.

Mr. J. W. Stoneham, second officer, Mingsang, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. H. A. Houchen, chief officer, Mingsang, is on leave.

Mr. J. J. Thompson, third engineer, Suiwo, has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. S. Black, second engineer, Suiwo, has gone acting chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. A. Spiers, chief engineer, Suiwo, is on leave.

Mr. C. R. Compton, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Suiwo.

Mr. L. F. Ellis, from leave, has gone second engineer, Loongwo.

Mr. F. Hill, second engineer, Loongwo, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Turner has been appointed third engineer, Esang.

Captain R. G. Gillespie, from reserve, has gone master, Yue Ying Wa.

Captain C. Masson, of the Yue Ying Wa, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Myler has been appointed third officer, Sarvistan.

Mr. N. Donald, third officer, Sarvistan, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. T. M. Hening, from reserve, has gone third officer, Tangestan.

Mr. F. T. Sistrer, third officer, Tangestan, has gone second officer, Arabestan.

Mr. W. T. Liley, from reserve, has gone supply second officer, Lungshan.

Mr. J. E. Harvey, supply second officer, Lungshan, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. G. W. Carpendale, second officer, Honam, has gone chief officer, Honam.

Mr. E. McK. Thomson, chief officer, Honam, has gone acting master, same ship.

Capt. F. Smith, of the Honam, has retired.

Mr. J. P. Sparling, from reserve, has gone second officer, Honam.

Mr. R. H. Stewart, second officer, Honam, has gone acting chief officer, Kishan.

Mr. A. Pritchard, chief officer, Kishan, has gone chief officer, Lungshan.

Mr. V. A. Harris, chief officer, Lungshan, has gone acting master, Kishan.

Captain A. McKinnon, of the Kishan, has retired.

ATOM'S SECRETS.
MATTER CHANGED INTO COLOUR RAYS.

That revelations as to the separation and reconstruction of the atom by means of coloured light might be expected within a few years in the theory of Lord Clifford of Chudleigh, a scientific Peer who has experimented widely along this line of research.

Lord Clifford told a reporter that about 20 years ago he was induced to turn his attention to the action of light on the germination of seeds, and reached the conclusion that the colour of light had much to do with the transformation of organic substances.

Having reached the view as a result of further research that light of at least 10 pure colours brought about organic formation of tissues and cells by the action of colour, and that matter could be and was transformed into "rays" of colour and ceased to exist as matter, Lord Clifford said he decided to call these colour waves "colour electrons." Lord Clifford of Chudleigh first spoke of his colour electrons theory to a scientific correspondent of The Daily Mail in February 1922.

His theory is that all matter can be represented in colour electrons just as it can be in positive or negative charges of electricity. He said:

By the beginning of last year I had so far progressed as to have formulated methods of using seven out of the 10 colours so as to be of practical utility to the medical profession. I was the subject of my first experiment.

For 15 months or more I had been almost unable to speak and partly paralysed as a result of a stroke. Within two months I had recovered from the stroke, and although only one side of my face was exposed to the action of the rays, in April I found I was recovering from a pronounced stooop that I had had since 1886, and acquired as a rodeo champion in Australia.

Lord Clifford claimed many other cures for the rays, including cases of deafness, insanity of 24 years' standing brought about by physical infirmity, and septic poisoning.

Doctors had made use of the rays, which had been taken up by some leading hospitals. The apparatus was being acquired by the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth at St. John's Wood.

"If some public help were forthcoming," added Lord Clifford, "I have no doubt that in two or three years' time revelations on the action of these colours in separating and reconstructing the atoms might be presented to the public."

THE NUNS' RETURN.
LIFE AS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

After being used for secular purposes for close upon 400 years, a 13th century convent building at Burnham, Buckinghamshire, is once again in the occupation of a community of nuns.

They are to-day leading almost exactly the same life as that adopted by the inmates of 1266 A.D., while their dress, their services, and their prayers and meditations are similar to those of nearly 700 years ago.

While they are an Anglican order—the Community of the Precious Blood—they are founded on the rule of St. Augustine, and it was an Augustinian order—the Canonesses Regular of the Lateran—which occupied the buildings in the 13th century.

When a reporter visited this ancient convent—Burnham Abbey—in the wintry dusk he found himself slipping back into the Middle Ages.

In the old dwelling house standing beside the convent building the Reverend Mother told how the church of the old abbey had gone, but how in the tall building beside the quadrangle the original sacristy, chapter house, and part of the dormitory remained.

The chapter house to-day is used as the chapel, but the sacristy still fulfils its original purpose.

The original community, founded in 1266 by Richard de Cornwall, King of the Romans, brother of Henry III., was dissolved in 1539 in the reign of Henry VIII., and since then the abbey has had many owners. In recent years the ancient sacristy and chapter-house were used as a stable and cow-house, while the old dwelling house—believed to be of Tudor date—now occupied by the Reverend Mother, was used as a barn.

The building was bought in 1914 by Mr. J. L. Bissley, of Maidenhead, who restored it, and was anxious that it should return to its former use. The Community of the Precious Blood, which was founded at Burnham, moved to the old convent in 1916.

The sisters never leave the precincts except on matters of urgent business. Their time is devoted to prayer and meditation.

For details of the life of the sisters, see the "China Mail" of March 3rd.

YOUNG GENERAL.
LEAVING SHANGHAI FOR THE NORTH.

General Chang Hsueh-liang, the "Young General" is expected to leave Shanghai to-day or to-morrow for the north in compliance with a telegram from his father, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, recalling him to Mukden, says the "Shanghai Times" of February 12.

The "Young General" was host with General Chang Chung-chang, the Fengtien commander, at a reception in honour of leading foreigners and Chinese at the Majestic Hotel on February 11. Several hundred people attended and included members of the Consular Body, members of the Shanghai and French Municipal Councils and others. General Wu Kuan-hsin, Minister of War, was also present. General Chang Hsueh-liang and General Chang Chung-chang were introduced to all their guests and the large hall room was well filled with guests.

Enquiries among the "Young General's" staff elicited the information that he would be returning to the north very soon as he had completed the mission entrusted to him by his father. A special train, profusely decorated, has been prepared for him at Shanghai North Station and it is expected that General Chang will make a short stay at Nanking before proceeding on his journey.

General Chang was guest at a Rotary Clubiffin on February 11, when "Father and Son" day was celebrated. Mr. H. Holzgate presided and introduced General Chang who delivered a short speech in Chinese which was interpreted into English. Professor C. H. Robertson delivered a brief address on electrons.

FLU EPIDEMIC.

MANY SCHOOLS CLOSED.

London, January 30.—Great Britain is gripped in a mild form of flu epidemic, and offices and workshops are very short-handed. Few deaths have occurred. The complaint is largely of an intestinal form. The doctors state that it is expected that the epidemic, which is due to a mysterious three yearly cycle, is likely to reach its zenith in February, and it would not be surprising if it were fairly worldwide.

Football matches have been cancelled wholesale, and in one Surrey League team of 40 members only five are fit. A Hampshire village, with a population of 400, has 200 under the doctor. Many schools are closed down in Kent, being without teachers, and only 40 out of 244 pupils turning up at one school. The Bucks Medical Officer reports that one in every eight of the population is ill. The Manchester mills are greatly affected.—Times of Ceylon.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Kweiyang, (Br.) B. & S. from Bangkok, Hoihow.

Yuen Sang, (Br.) J. M. & Co. from Manila.

Jeyore, (Br.) M. M. & Co., from Bombay, Shanghai.

Bendoran, (Br.) G. Livingstone, from London, Singapore.

Lok Sun, (Br.) Yuen Sang Fat, from Saigon.

C. Lopez, Y. Lopez (Span.) from Comua, Manila.

Pl. Jefferson, (Amer.) A. O. Line, from Manila.

Henrik, (Nor.) Thorsen & Co., from Bangkok, Katsichang.

Drufar, (Nor.) Thorsen & Co., from Bangkok, Katsichang.

Imatoka, (Nor.) K. Larsen, Bangkok.

Corona, (Nor.) Dodwell & Co., from Chinwangtao.

Mike Maru, (Jap.) Grimbly & Co., from Taihay Bay.

Nagano Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K. from Yokohama, Moji.

Katori Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K. from Kobe, Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

Dux, (Nor.) Kwong Yuen Sing, for Hongay.

Nagano Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K. for Bombay, Singapore.

Petrochus, (Br.) B. & S., for London, Singapore.

Mandassan Maru, (Jap.) M. B. E., for Hongay.

Achilles, (Br.) B. & S., for Cebu, Batrand, (Nor.) Kwong Yuen Sing, for Saigon.

Pl. Jefferson, (Amer.) A. O. Line, for Manila, Shanghai.

Ming Sang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., for Hoihow, Hoihow.

Yuet Wah, (Chil.) Kai Yue, for Hoihow, Hoihow.

Takada, (Br.) M. M. & Co. for Hoihow, Hoihow.

Nagano Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K. for Yokohama, Moji.

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DEAL IN MARKS.
BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE ECHO

Sir Henry Copwer Gollan ruled in the Supreme Court yesterday that Maxim and Co. of Hongkong had not discharged their liability towards Gullay and Co. of London by the payment into the Banque Industrielle de Chine in Hongkong of \$150. This money was due to the London firm in respect of a deal in marks and when the demand draft on the Banque Industrielle in London was presented the bank had closed its doors.

TYPHOID FEVER.

SHANGHAI ENCOURAGES HONGKONG.

The Hongkong Government is to be asked to investigate the prevalence of typhoid fever in the Colony, notes the "North China Daily News." Important facts relative to this disease transpired at a meeting of the Sanitary Board when Dr. Koch, who brought up the subject of an investigation, pointed out that there was a steady and persistent prevalence of it in the Colony, and although from time to time statistics were published showing an improvement, he considered them as comforting but not a useful piece of work. The case as presented by this assiduous medical critic is that both in Hongkong and elsewhere the incidence of disease has been greatly reduced as a result of scientific investigation. In Hongkong the principal triumph in this respect has been in plague cases, while elsewhere there is the wonderful work achieved in the Panama Canal zone which has been freed from malaria. In fact had that work not been undertaken, it is doubtful whether that great engineering feat could ever have been accomplished. Furthermore the Straits Settlements are now embarking on a campaign for the prevention of malaria. Incidentally Dr. Koch suggested asking for the loan of an expert from the Rockefeller Institute to make the investigation in Hongkong. In principle the Sanitary Board agreed with Dr. Koch, and the resolution accordingly goes forward to the Government of the Colony, and if carried out with the zeal which Dr. Koch put into his resolution and remarks, a very considerable contribution to the science of tropical medicine should be the result. Although Hongkong can give itself a certain isolation not possible for Shanghai, there is nevertheless a hope that anything that can be discovered there may be of assistance in combating the ravage of the disease here.

DOG BITE.

A postman was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday after he had been bitten by a dog said to belong to Mr. Ho Cheuk, living at No. 5, Macdonnell Road. The dog was secured and taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

COUNTERFEITING CASE.

SHANGHAI CASE TO BE REOPENED.

The case against Peter Sala who was sentenced to two years in jail on January 22 in connection with a counterfeit scheme in which 11 persons were arrested charged with issuing bogus U. S. Treasury notes, was re-opened on February 12, in the Mixed Court, Shanghai, before Mr. Jacobs, American Assessor, and Magistrate Kwan. Mr. A. N. Fishman appeared for Sala. He asked for a re-hearing on the grounds that his client was not sufficiently represented at the final hearing of the case. He stated that Sala was a Pole, who could speak neither English nor Chinese, and his position was that of an unrepresented foreigner. Sala, he maintained, never had a fair chance for an adequate defence. At the final hearing, counsel said that his client waved his hands from the dock and signalled that he wished to tell the Court his story, but the Court could not understand. He termed such a practice "intolerable."

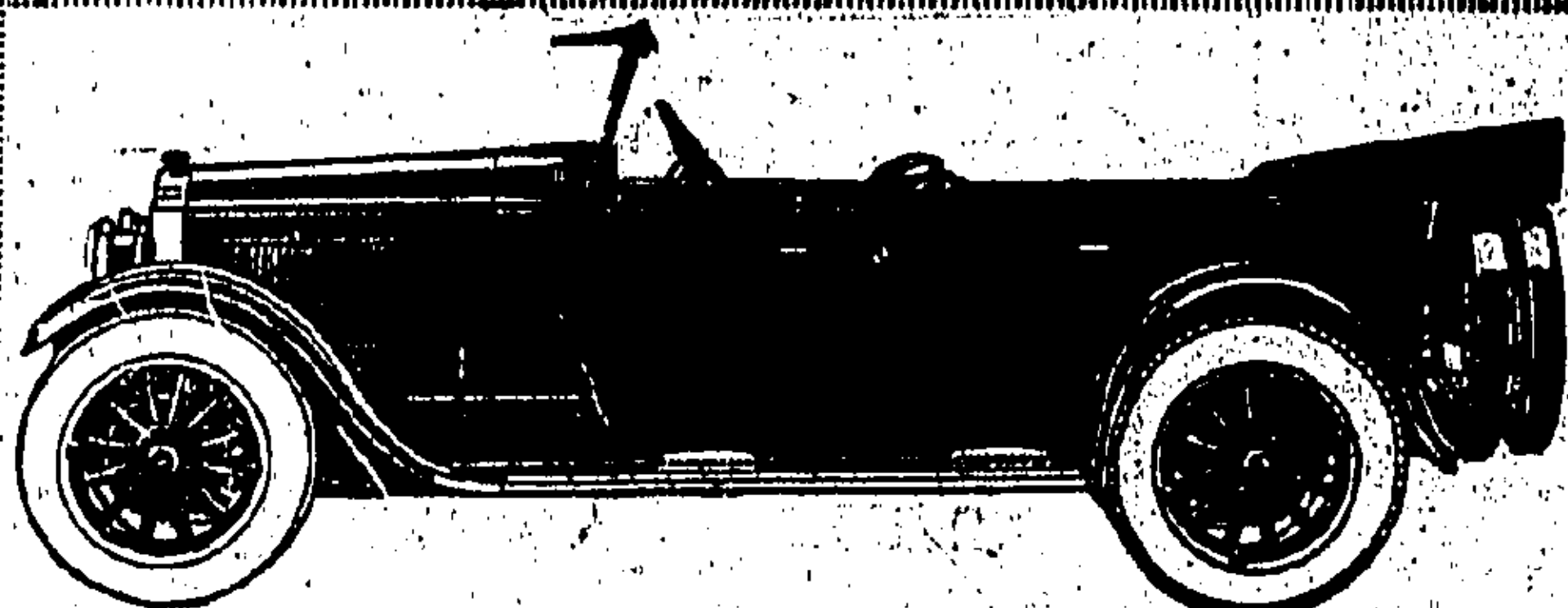
Counsel stated that all the incriminating evidence, found in Sala's room at 8 Yuhang Road when it was raided by police, could be satisfactorily accounted for. The materials, which appeared to be for manufacturing counterfeit notes were used by Sala in his professional capacity as lithographer. The application was opposed by Chief Inspector Reeves. He said that the evidence against the man was adequate to convict him. The evidence which convicted the man was that of two other Poles, whom he could understand. The evidence, he continued, tended to show that the work was done by a clever artist, which defendant was.

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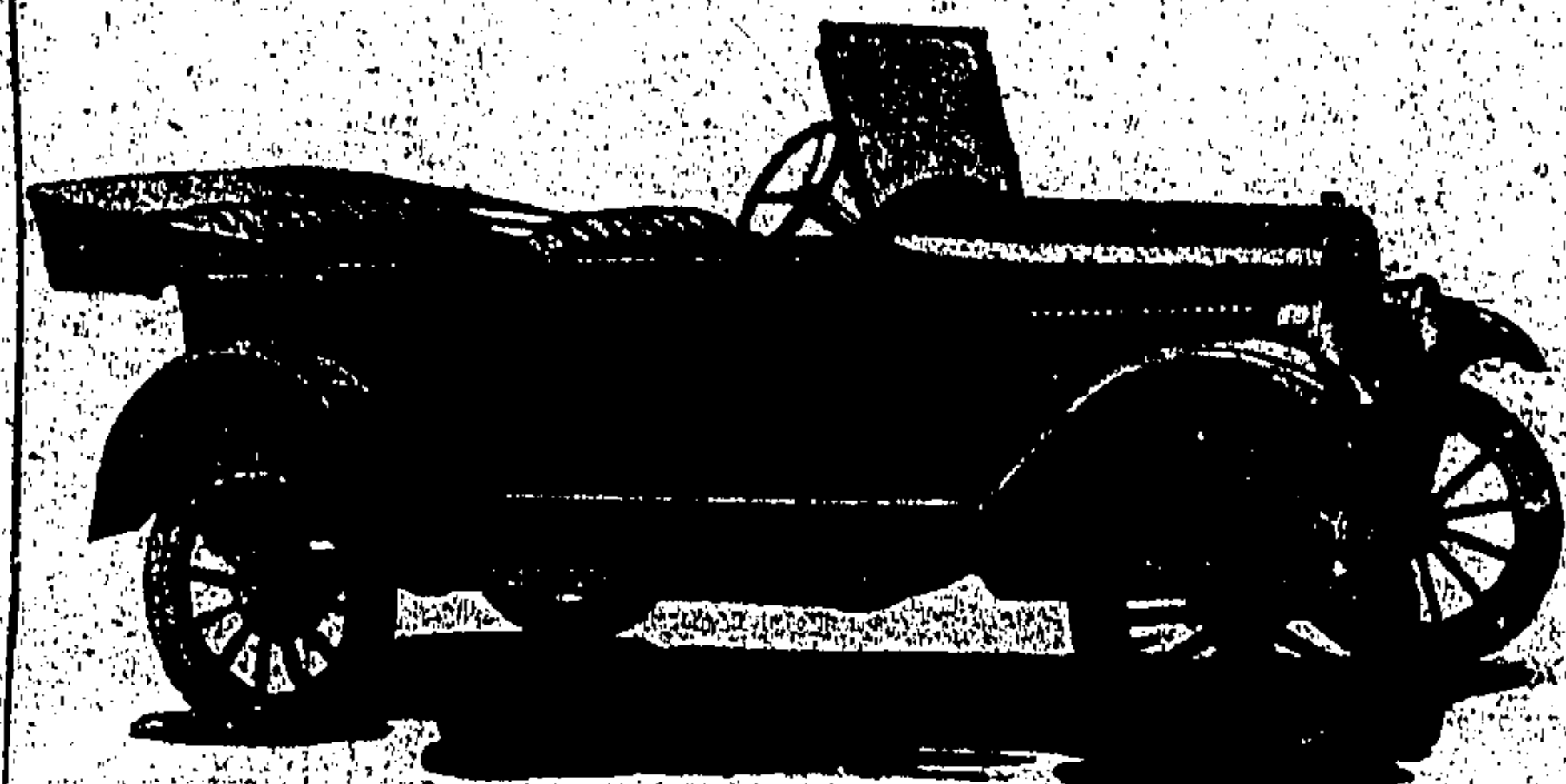
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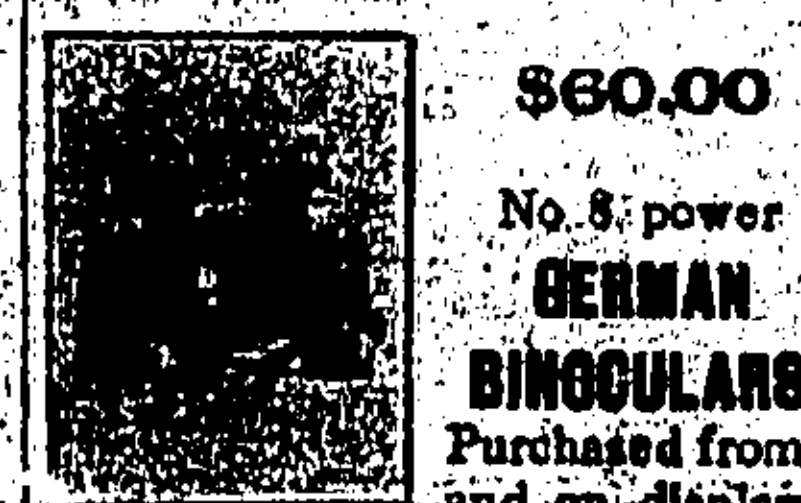
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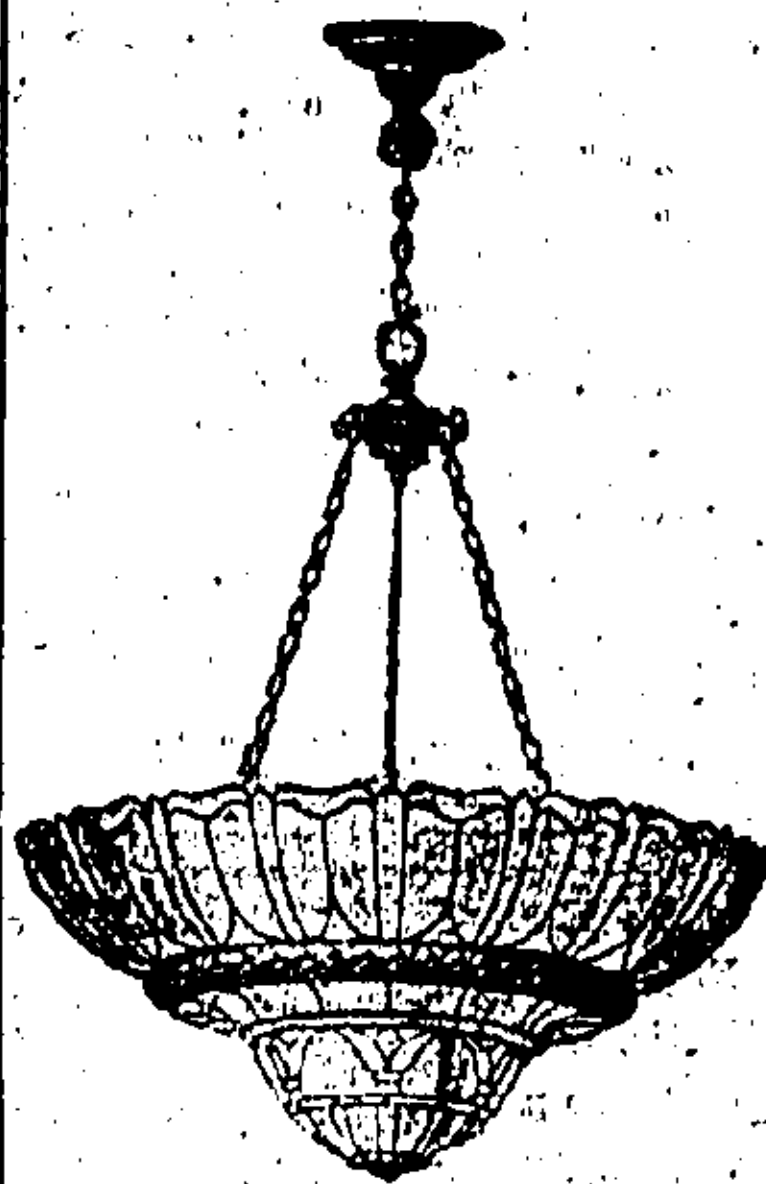
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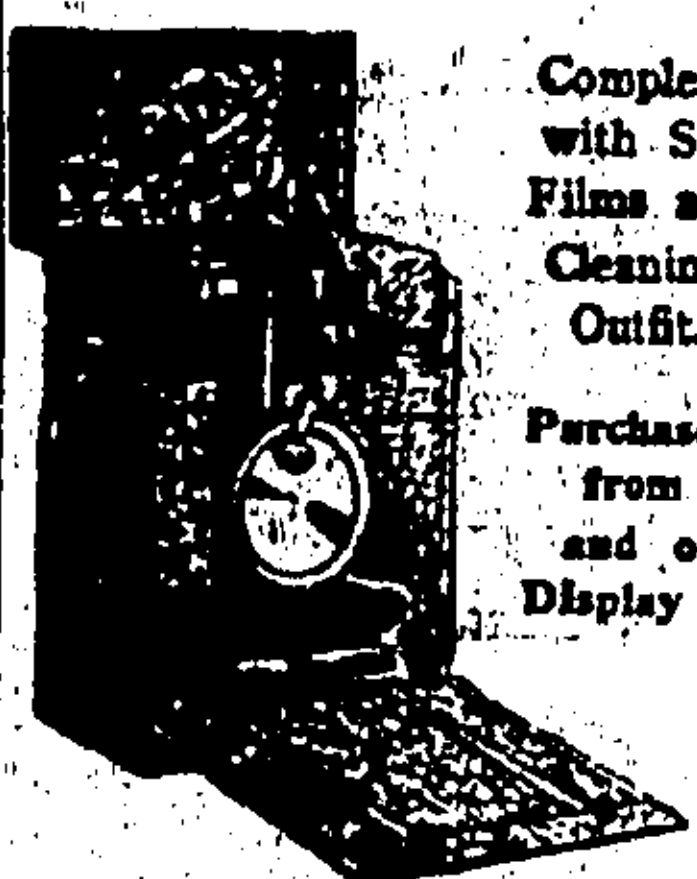
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Vacation trip for two people to Foochow and return on the special vacation cruise of the Douglas Steamship Co.

One dozen \$96.00 large Portraits purchased from Mee Fong Studio, 7, Wyndham Street.

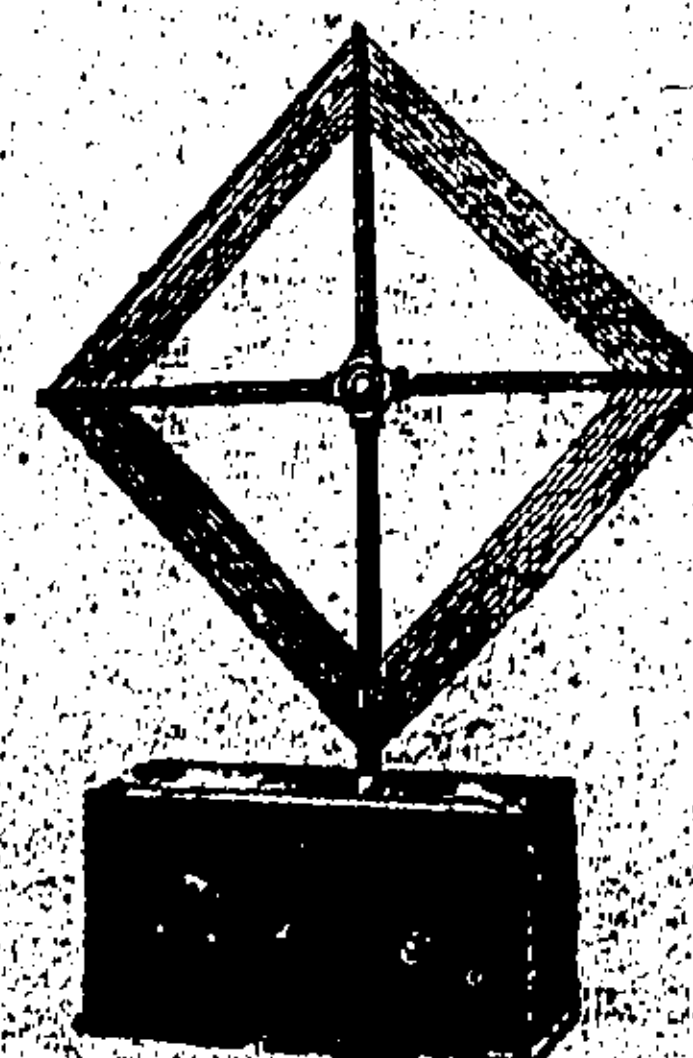
One Pathe-Baby motion picture machine complete with six films and cleaning outfit, purchased from the Pathe-Orient, 72, Queen's Road.

One Pair of \$60.00 No. 8 power German Binoculars purchased from, and on display at, N. Lazarus, 12, Queen's Road.

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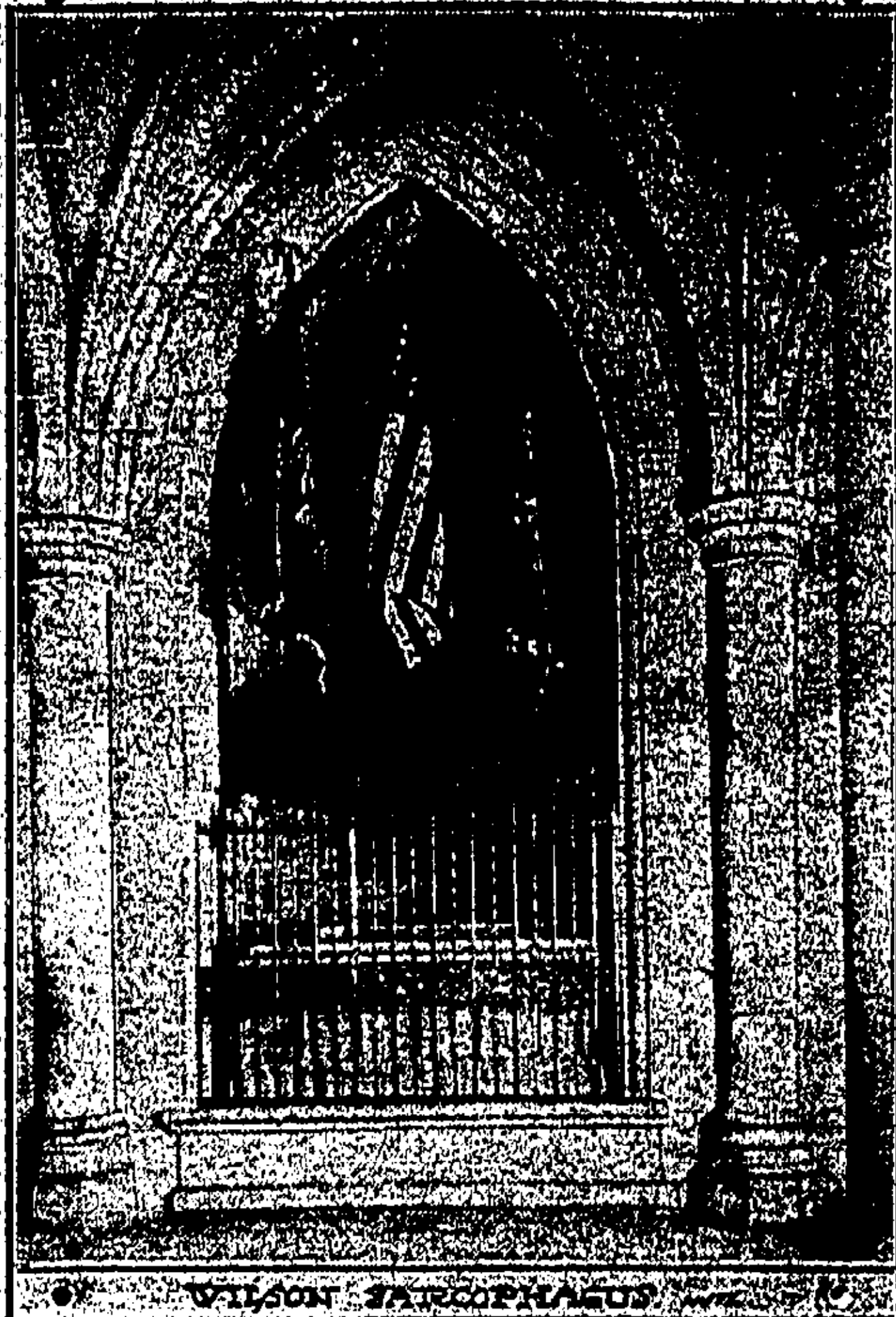
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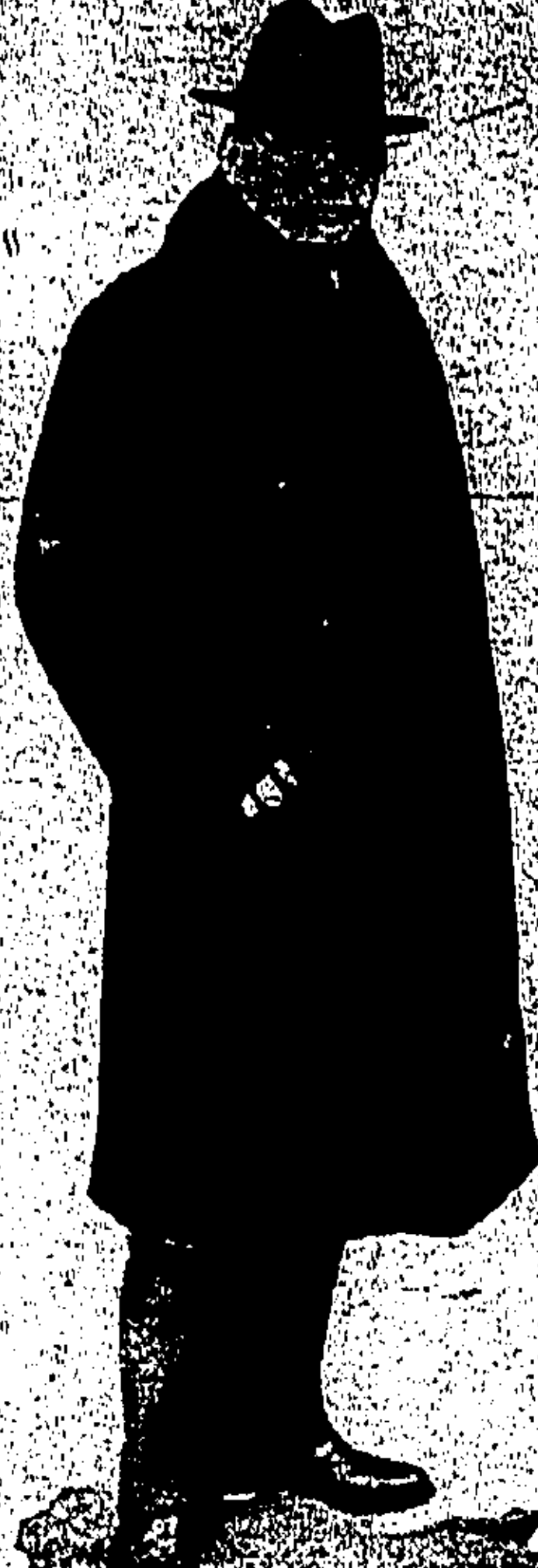
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This is the completed sarcophagus over the tomb of the late President Woodrow Wilson in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington Cathedral where it has just been unveiled. The three flags, surmounting it are historic. Two of them are the "President's Flags," presented by the Government to each President, representing Mr. Wilson's two inaugurations. The third is the American flag carried by the first American troops who marched through London in the war, with Mr. Wilson as their Commander-in-Chief at home.



DR. HANS LUTHER

This is a new photograph of Dr. Hans Luther, who was called upon by the late President Ebert to form a new German Cabinet to succeed the Marx Ministry. Dr. Luther was formerly Minister of Finance and has long been prominently identified with German public affairs.



GASTON B. MEANS AND CHARLES E. FORBES

Gaston B. Means, for long investigator in the American Department of Justice, and often tried for various crimes, but never convicted, has finally been found guilty by a jury and sentenced to two years' imprisonment for attempting jury fixing. Colonel Charles Forbes, former director of the Veterans' Bureau, has been found guilty in Chicago of conspiracy to defraud the Government. Harry Braun, Socialist, has been re-elected as Premier of Prussia, receiving 221 votes to the 175 cast for his Nationalist opponent, Kries. Lillian Gish, noted motion picture star, and Charles H. Duell, often reported engaged, have finally broken off friendly relations, and Duell has entered suit to restrain her from appearing in pictures for anyone but him.



Dorothy Ellingson's voice did not quiver as she narrated the shocking details of San Francisco's most startling crime—Dorothy's confessed murder of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellingson, who had forbidden her to go out to jazz parties and dances at night. Here is the 16-year-old matricide giving details of the crime to the police. Insets below show, at left, Earl Ellingson, brother of the girl, and at right, Joseph Ellingson, her father.



M. EMILE DASSE

His Excellency, M. Emile Dasse, new French Ambassador to the United States, was photographed when he arrived in New York on his way to Washington to take up his official duties as successor to M. Jules Jusserand.



EARL OF MEATH

The Earl of Meath, originator of Empire Day, is shown in his Surrey castle, Chatsworth House, listening to the radio programmes broadcast from various Homebush stations.

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DIVISION I.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
West Brom-							
wich A.	30	19	7	4	48	26	42
Hudders-							
field T.	31	16	5	10	54	22	42
Newcastle	34	13	8	15	51	31	41
Bolton W.	32	16	8	8	57	30	40
Bury	31	13	6	12	42	39	38
Liverpool	30	15	8	7	51	40	37
Sunderland	33	16	13	4	50	41	36
Tottenham	32	12	10	10	43	34	34
Birmingham	31	13	11	7	33	35	33
Manchester	33	12	12	9	63	57	33
Cardiff City	31	10	12	9	47	49	29
Sheffield U.	31	9	11	11	36	44	29
West Ham	30	11	12	7	43	44	29
Burnley	31	10	13	8	41	54	28
Aston Villa	29	8	10	11	41	49	27
Blackburn	30	9	12	9	38	45	27
Arsenal	30	11	15	4	31	39	26
Leeds U.	32	7	14	11	34	42	24
Everton	32	8	16	8	31	49	24
Nottingham	31	6	18	7	24	54	20
Preston N.E.	31	7	22	2	26	64	16

DIVISION II.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Derby	32	20	5	7	66	29	46
Manchester	31	17	7	7	45	21	41
Leicester	29	17	6	6	72	27	40
Chelsea	32	13	7	12	43	29	33
Portsmouth	31	10	7	14	40	41	34
Port Vale	30	14	11	5	35	37	33
Clapton O.	32	12	12	8	35	29	32
Wolverham-							
pton	30	13	12	5	37	39	31
Hull City	30	12	11	7	44	37	31
Bradford	32	10	12	10	32	37	30
Wednesday	33	16	16	5	39	49	29
Southampton	29	9	11	27	29	29	29
Stockport	32	10	13	9	30	41	29
South Shields	31	9	11	13	33	29	29
Fulham	31	10	12	9	32	42	29
Oldham	32	10	14	8	27	44	28
Middlesbrough	31	8	11	12	28	36	28
Blackpool	29	10	12	7	50	40	27
Crysl Palace	30	11	14	5	33	42	27
Stoke	32	8	16	8	24	36	24
Barnsley	31	8	15	8	36	52	24
Coventry	31	8	17	6	36	64	22

DIVISION III.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Swansea	29	17	5	7	64	22	41
Bristol C.	32	16	8	8	39	26	40
Swindon	31	17	8	6	49	27	40
Plymouth	31	15	9	7	49	31	37
Newport	31	15	9	7	49	31	37
Millwall	32	13	8	11	45	32	37
Southend	31	16	12	3	43	37	35
Exeter	31	15	10	6	46	36	35
Norwich	32	16	13	3	39	32	35
Brighton	30	12	9	9	40	34	33
Charlton	31	11	10	10	33	31	32
Watford	32	11	14	7	28	42	29
Gillingham	31	10	19	8	29	38	28
Norwich	29	8	10	11	37	37	27
Reading	30	11	11	7	29	23	29
Queen's P.R.	30	10	13	7	33	43	27
Aberdeen	30	10	15	5	30	47	25
Bristol R.	29	8	13	8	28	37	24
Luton	33	5	14	14	32	51	24
Brentford	33	7	20	6	26	72	20
Bournemouth	29	6	16	7	23	43	19
Merthyr	30	7	19	4	29	48	18

DIVISION III.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Darlington	31	19	5	7	64	23	45
Nelson	28	18	6	4	54	30	40
Southport	30	16	7	7	45	25	39
Bradford	32	14	8	10	68	34	38
N. Brighton	30	16	9	5	58	37	37
Rochdale	31	15	10	6	57	44	36
Lincoln	31	14	10	7	41	41	35
Ashington	33	13	12	8	58	63	34
Crews	31	10	11	10	40	53	30
Doncaster	32	12	14	6	42	50	30
Barrow	30	12	12	6	42	50	30
Hullfax	29	10	11	8	35	37	28
Walsall	32	10	14	8	34	42	28
Wigan	31	9	12	10	43	48	28
Chesterfield	29	11	12	6	36	31	28
Durham	30	8	10	11	34	48	27
Accrington	31	10	14	7	48	58	27
Grimsby	31	9	15	7	36	46	25
Hartlepool	30	8	13	9	35	47	25
Tranmere	29	10	15	4	43	46	24
Wrexham	32	8	17	7	28	53	23
Rotherham	30	5	18	7	31	63	17

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Airdrieonians	31	22	4	5	69	27	48
Rangers	30	20	2	8	51	18	48
Hibernians	32	20	5	7	60	32	47
Celtic	31	14	10	7	60	38	35
Partick T.	33	13	10	9	53	47	35
Cowdenbeath	33	13	13	6	68	59	34
Raith R.	31	11	11	9	42	47	31
St. Mirren	30	13	15	4	43	50	30
Morton	33	12	14	7	40	60	30
St. Johnstone	32	13	13	6	40	60	30
Hearts	33	10	14	9	36	62	29
Third Lanark	33	15	8	10	46	63	28
Hamilton A.	31	13	16	2	45	49	28
Aberdeen	31	9	10	12	40	46	28
Dundee	31	10	14	7	39	50	27
Kilmarnock	31	10	15	6	44	58	26
Motherwell	30	8	12	10	42	50	25
Falkirk	31	9	15	7	38	40	25
Clydebank	31	8	16	7	36	50	23
Ayr United	31	7	18	6	35	50	20

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SCOTTISH.London Scottish, in spite of
the many absentees from their
side due to the Army game, at
Leicester and the Scottish Inter-
national, put up a magni-
ficent fight against Richmond, at
Richmond, on January 24, but
were beaten by two goals and
two tries (16 points) to a try
(3 points). The Scottish had
most of the game, and had the
finishing of their three-quarters
been a little better, the result
might have been different. Kil-
gour and Danby, the wingers,
were very good and were well
supported by their centres and
Crook and MacDonald. There
was little to choose between the
two packs, each putting in plenty
of useful work.Richmond must thank Palmer
and Turner for their good win,
Palmer being exceptionally fast
and deadly in his defence. Evan
Thomas was in form, and in spite
of two minor injuries played a
good game. The Scottish pressed
from the start and Danby made
ground, but Richmond broke
away on the left, Palmer sending
across to Burton, who broke
through and allowed Douglas to
cross the Scottish line well out
to the right for an unimproved
try. Wayne made an opening for
Turner to force his way over,
and Evan Thomas converted with
a good kick. The Scottish con-
tinued to get the ball and to have
more

